

What is claimed is:

1. A method for updating data at a backup system that tracks updates made to a primary system, the method comprising:
 - creating a group including a plurality of update requests;
 - 5 concurrently completing the plurality of update requests of the group; and
 - after completing the plurality of update requests, completing a subsequent update request.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein completing a subsequent update request
10 includes creating a subsequent group.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes creating a group that includes a plurality of requests initiated at a plurality of applications.
- 15 4. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes updating a count associated with a number of the plurality of update requests.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising selectively activating the method of
claim 1.
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6. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes updating a status indicative of whether the group is active.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes assigning a
25 group number to an update request of the plurality of update requests.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein completing the plurality of update requests
further includes issuing an update request of the plurality of update requests.
- 30 9. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group further includes reading a group number from an update request of the plurality of update requests.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein completing the plurality of update requests further includes holding the subsequent update request.
- 5 11. The method of claim 1, wherein completing the subsequent update request further includes releasing a hold on the subsequent update request.
- 10 12. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group, completing the update requests and completing the subsequent update further comprises creating the group, completing the update requests and completing the subsequent update on a primary system.
- 15 13. The method of claim 1, wherein creating the group, completing the update requests and completing the subsequent update further comprises creating the group, completing the update requests and completing the subsequent update on the backup system.

14. A method for updating data at a backup system that tracks updates made to a primary system, the method comprising:

synchronously processing a plurality of groups of update requests; and
asynchronously processing the update requests in each group.

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15. The method of claim 14, wherein processing the plurality of update requests further includes holding an update request of another group of the plurality of groups.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein processing the groups further includes
10 assigning a group number to an update request of the plurality of update requests.

17. An apparatus comprising:
 - a processor; and
 - program code communicating with the processor configured to process a plurality of update requests by initiating creation of a group including a plurality of update requests having no order dependency, concurrently initiating completion of the plurality of update requests, and after initiating the completion of the plurality of update requests, and initiating completion of a subsequent update request.
18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the backup system is peripheral from the primary system.
19. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code initiates creating a subsequent group.
20. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the group includes a plurality of requests initiated at a plurality of applications.
21. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code initiates updating a count associated with a number of the plurality of update requests.
22. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code initiates updating a status indicative of whether the group is active.
23. The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising a memory accessible to the program code.
24. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code initiates assigning a group number to an update request of the plurality of update requests.
30. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code initiates issuing an update request of the plurality of update requests.

26. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code initiates reading a group number from an update request of the plurality of update requests.

5 27. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code initiates holding the subsequent update request.

28. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code initiates releasing a hold on the subsequent update request.

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29. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code resides on a backup system.

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30. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the program code resides on a primary system.

31. An apparatus comprising:
 - a processor; and
 - program code in communication with the processor configured to update data at a backup system that tracks updates made to a primary system by initiating the
- 5 synchronous processing a plurality of groups of update requests and initiating the asynchronous processing the update requests in each group.

32. A program product, comprising:
program code in communication with at least one of a primary and backup
system, the program code configured to initiate creation of a group including a plurality
of update requests, and to concurrently initiate completion of the plurality of update
5 requests, and after initiating the completion of the plurality of update requests, the
program code being further configured to initiate completion of a subsequent update
request; and
a signal bearing medium bearing the program code.
- 10 33. The program product of claim 32, wherein the signal bearing medium
includes at least one of a recordable medium and a transmission-type medium.

34. A program product, comprising:
- program code in communication with at least one of a primary and backup system, the program code configured to initiate synchronously processing a plurality of groups of update requests, and to initiate asynchronously processing the update requests
- 5 in each group; and
- a signal bearing medium bearing the program code.

35. The program product of claim 34, wherein the signal bearing medium includes at least one of a recordable medium and a transmission-type medium.